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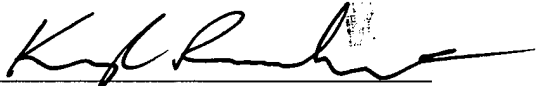
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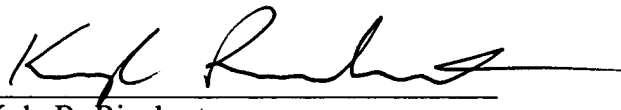
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-indicated application, please make the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 14 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) In a video coder for coding video images in a block format, a method for improving compression of the video images comprising:

predicting x and y motion vector components for a current block of pixels based on a motion vector of at least one neighboring block of pixels to compute x and y components of a predictor motion vector;

computing differential x and y components from the x and y components of the predictor and x and y components of a motion vector for the current block; and

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